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NEBRASKA MAN SENTENCED FOR MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Nebraska man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

Darris Johnson, 36, of Omaha, Neb., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 3, 2003, **Johnson** pleaded guilty to charges contained in an Oct. 2, 2002, federal indictment. **Johnson** admitted that he obtained marijuana, which was transported from Mexico, from his suppliers in Kansas City, Mo. **Johnson** received more than 1,000 kilograms of this marijuana, Graves said, which he distributed to his own customers in Omaha.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, and the Drug Enforcement Administration with the assistance of the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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